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### Icebreaker

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### The Wise Money Foundation

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What are those statements saying to you? How do they apply to your situation?

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Read Proverbs 11:24-25, 14:31, 19:17. What are those verses saying to you?

Read Proverbs 30:7-9. What is that passage saying to you?

In all this, where does personal enjoyment of earthly wealth come in? Is it ok?

### Take it Home

Our financial priorities should be in order, honor God, plan for the future, care for others, enjoy the blessings. How do your priorities line up with these? Are there changes you think you should make?

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